GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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GRANT FOR SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grant provided by the Government for sports activities is only Rs. 400 crores;

(b) if so, whether the sum is adequate for the Sportspersons to compete in the international level;

(c) if not, whether any request has been made for more funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) The plan allocation of the Ministry for `Sports and Physical Education` during 2005-06 is Rs. 305.95 crores.

(b) to (e): `Sports` is a State subject under the Constitution and promotion of the same at State level is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, the Government of India, through its own Schemes and Schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of the State Governments in promotion of sports for improving sports performances at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior level. Constant efforts are being made by the Ministry to seek more funds as per the requirements. The budget allocation for sports and Physical Education which was Rs. 236.40 crore in 2003-04 has increased to Rs. 252.00 crore in 2004-05 and Rs. 305.95 crore in 2005-06.